



MADERA COUNTY GRAND JURY, 2015-2016 QUESTIONNAIRE

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DISTRICT _____

This questionnaire concerns your ability to serve as a GRAND JUROR (not a trial juror) on the **2015/2016** Madera County Grand Jury. Persons selected will serve for a period of ONE YEAR from **July 2015** to **June 2016**.

TIME COMMITMENT: Grand Jurors are expected to spend approximately 10-20 hours of service per week, depending on the duties demanded by the committee they are assigned to during their year of service. Temporary absence for normal periods of vacation is permissible, but excessively prolonged or repeated absences would interfere with the functioning of the Grand Jury. Enclosed is a brief description of duties for the 19 members selected as Grand Jurors.

*You are requested to **COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS, SIGN, and DATE AND RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE** in the enclosed envelope.*

Deadline for returning questionnaire: Asap

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

1. Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

2. Address (Res.): _____ City: _____ Zip +4: _____

Address (Bus): _____ City: _____ Zip +4: _____

Residence Phone: () _____ Business Phone: () _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Fax Number: () _____

Email Address: _____

3. Occupation: _____ ☐ full-time work ☐ part-time work

Employer: _____

If retired, previous occupation: _____

4. A grand juror typically commits **10 to 20 hours** of service each week to the grand jury. Can you commit the amount of time required to serve as a juror? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Briefly explain your answer: _____

5. Do you have any physical or mental condition which would interfere with your ability to function as a grand juror? ☐ No ☐ Yes If yes, explain briefly: _____

What accommodations would the Court need to provide to accommodate your physical or mental impairment? _____

6. Education (Circle highest grade completed)

6 (or less) 7 8 9 10 11 12 College: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Name of schools attended and degrees or certification attained: _____

STATUTORY QUALIFICATIONS: (Place a check in the appropriate box)

- ☐ No ☐ Yes Are you a citizen of the United States?
- ☐ No ☐ Yes Are you eighteen years of age or older?
- ☐ No ☐ Yes Have been a resident of Madera County for at least one year prior to the date of this application?
- ☐ No ☐ Yes Are you in possession of your natural faculties? Are you of ordinary intelligence and of sound judgment and fair character?
- ☐ No ☐ Yes Do you possess a sufficient knowledge of the English language?

STATUTORY DISQUALIFICATIONS: (Place a check in the appropriate box):

- ☐ No ☐ Yes Are you serving as a trial juror in any court of this State? If Yes, County _____
- ☐ No ☐ Yes Have you been discharged as a grand juror in any court of this State within one year prior to the date of this application?
- ☐ No ☐ Yes Have you ever been convicted of malfeasance in office or any felony or other high crime?
Were your Civil Rights restored? _____
If so, when were your Civil Rights restored? _____
In what Court were the rights restored? _____
- ☐ No ☐ Yes Are you currently serving as an elected public official?

CALIFORNIA RULES OF COURT adopts Rule 10.625, certain demographic data relating to regular grand jurors.

(Place a check in the appropriate box :)

Age range, please check the appropriate box:

☐ 18-25 ☐ 26-34 ☐ 35-44 ☐ 45-54 ☐ 55-64 ☐ 65-74 ☐ 75 and over

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Please indicate your ethnic origin by checking one of the following:

☐ African American ☐ Asian ☐ Hispanic ☐ Caucasian
☐ Native American ☐ Filipino ☐ Pacific Islander ☐ other (please specify) _____

- Check one: ☐ I am interested in serving on the Madera County Grand Jury for the fiscal year **2015-2016** and I understand the time commitment required.
- ☐ I am unable to serve on the Grand Jury for the fiscal year **2015-2016**.
- ☐ I am unavailable at this time, but would like to be considered for term **2016-2017**.

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS TO ASSIST THE JUDGES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT IN COMPLETING A LIST OF NOMINEES WHICH FAIRLY REPRESENTS A CROSS-SECTION OF OUR COMMUNITY. SOME QUESTIONS MAY APPEAR PERSONAL TO YOU, HOWEVER, THEY ARE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE JUDGES THAT THE GROUP THEY NOMINATE, FROM EACH DISTRICT REPRESENTS VARIOUS AGE GROUPS, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS.

Dated: _____

Signature

If you answer **NO** to any **STATUTORY QUALIFICATIONS** or you answer **YES** to any **STATUTORY DISQUALIFICATIONS**, please do not answer questions 7 through 16 and return the questionnaire in the envelope provided.

7. Clubs or organizations: List any civic, service organizations or any volunteer work to which you belong?

8. Spouse Name: _____

Occupation: _____

If retired, list previous occupation you retired from _____

Employer: _____

9. Are you or any immediate family member an appointed or elected public officer of any public agency?

☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, briefly explain: _____

10. Are you currently involved in any litigation (law suits) in this county? ☐ No ☐ Yes

11. Are you or any of your immediate family members employed by The City of Madera, Chowchilla, Oakhurst, Bass Lake, North Fork, or any school district within the county? (or any special district) ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, where? _____

12. Do you have any significant problems reading or understanding the English language? ☐ No ☐ Yes

13. How do you describe your computer skills? (Microsoft Word, email) ☐ basic ☐ proficient ☐ advanced

Do you have access to the internet and email from home? ☐ No ☐ Yes

14. Do you have any suggestions, comments or other matters you would like to bring to the judges attention in connection with your application? _____

15. Please tell us why you are interested in serving on the Madera County Grand Jury?

16. Describe any background experience or skills you have which would be helpful to grand jury service? (i.e., computer skills, leadership skills, or experience writing/editing reports, working in groups, or conducting investigations or interviews)

ACTIVITIES & SPECIAL INTEREST

The Penal Code mandates specific qualifications for membership on the grand jury. Other factors that prior grand jurors felt were important are: 1) open mindedness, 2) a willingness to participate in and conform to group decisions, 3) industry, initiative and energy, 4) the ability to clearly communicate findings to others in both oral and written form, and 5) a general knowledge of government and how it operates.

See the California Grand Jury Association's site for more information: <http://www.cgja.org/general-information>